

To: Stalcup, Dana[Stalcup.Dana@epa.gov]; Fitz-James, Schatzi[Fitz-James.Schatzi@epa.gov]; Gartner, Lois[Gartner.Lois@epa.gov]
From: Dreyfus, Melissa G.
Sent: Mon 8/17/2015 4:16:45 PM
Subject: Please Review: Fw: Press Question -- EarthMagazine; DDL 8/18; Government Mine Inspectors

All-

Please review this response for OSRTI. Is Jim in the office today? The question immediate makes me think "MSHA" but in the event the reporter was asking about the site assessment process, we provided some additional information.

Thanks
Melissa

Proposed Response: EPA routinely monitors hardrock mine sites that are placed on the Superfund National Priorities List (NPL). EPA also investigates or responds to incidents that are brought to our attention. EPA coordinates with a team of experts (e.g. site assessment managers, risk assessors) to identify the source, nature and extent of contamination at a site to determine the appropriate remedial or removal action objectives.

The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) carries out the mandates of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 at all mining and mineral processing operations in the United States, regardless of size, number of employees, commodity mined, or method of extraction (www.msha.gov).

From: Gentile, Laura on behalf of EOC Public Information
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 11:26 AM
To: EOC Technical Specialist
Subject: Press Question -- EarthMagazine; DDL 8/18; Government Mine Inspectors

Please see question from reporter:

I'm a journalist with onEarth magazine, a publication of the Natural Resources Defense Council. I'd like to write an explanatory piece on a basic question: How do government mine inspectors do their jobs? In all the coverage of the Gold King Mine incident, I don't feel this has been adequately addressed.

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> Is there someone at EPA available to talk me through this basic process? I'm on a deadline of tomorrow (Tuesday) at 2 pm Eastern time. You can reach me at this email or at 212-727-4643.

From: Cohen, Nancy
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 11:02 AM
To: Daguiard, Robert
Cc: EOC Public Information
Subject: Re: EOC Action; EarthMagazine; DDL 8/18; Government Mine Inspectors

In interagency meeting now. Suggest running through eoc. Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Aug 17, 2015, at 10:55 AM, Daguiard, Robert <Daguiard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

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> + Nancy, as requested, so we keep this inquiry in one thread.

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> Thanks, John.

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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Senn, John On Behalf Of EOC Public Information
> Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 10:52 AM
> To: Daguillard, Robert
> Cc: Ludwigsen, Emily; Lehman, Rachel
> Subject: Re: EOC Action; EarthMagazine; DDL 8/18; Government Mine Inspectors
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> can you please also flag for Nancy Cohen? We will look into this here.
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> thanks,
> John
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> From: Daguillard, Robert
> Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 10:47 AM
> To: EOC Public Information
> Cc: Ludwigsen, Emily; Lehman, Rachel
> Subject: EOC Action; EarthMagazine; DDL 8/18; Government Mine Inspectors
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> All, I've asked the reporter to extend his deadline and to forward a list of questions. Also, I thought this might be a regular inquiry for OSWER, but Julia Valentine recommended routing through EOC. Handle as you see fit.
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> Thanks, R.
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Palmer, Brian [mailto:bpalmer@nrdc.org]
> Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 10:19 AM
> To: Press
> Subject: Gold King Mine inquiry
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> Hello,
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> Thanks very much for your help.
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> Brian